anticipated during the next six months. The Government is processing recommendation of the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court for appointment of 13 persons as Judges in that Court.

**Recommendations of the C. Babu Rajiv Committee**

563. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the recommendations of the C. Babu Rajiv Committee, Government are considering to bring the minor ports under the jurisdiction of the Tariff Authority for Major Ports (TAMP);

(b) whether several shipping lines are opposed to the idea of regulated tariff for port services as they feel the tariff should be determined by market forces;

(c) whether the private ports and Maritime Development Council have also opposed the move to bring minor ports under Tariff Authority for Major Ports; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) to (d) The Committee headed by Shri C. Babu Rajiv did not recommend bringing minor Ports under the jurisdiction of Tariff Authority for Major Ports (TAMP). However, while considering the issue relating to 'Uniformity in Port Tariffs', the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport & Tourism has opined that a level playing field between Major Ports and State/Minor Ports does not exist, since only major ports come under the jurisdiction of regulatory authority while other ports do not. The Committee held that it is clearly a discrimination towards the Major Ports of the country, adversely affecting the competitive environment. The Committee, therefore, recommended that there should be the same regulation for all ports or, if that was not possible, then major ports should have liberty to fix port tariff on their own. The matter was also discussed in the 4th meeting of the Maritime States Development Council (MSDC) which recommended that a Task Force be constituted by the Ministry of Shipping to look into these aspects and make necessary recommendations so that major ports and comparable non-major ports may be subjected to similar regulations. The Ministry has also received

representations from some quarters, opposing converting TAMP into an appellate authority as well as extending its jurisdiction to non-major ports. Govt. has not taken a final decision so far.

**Disinvestment of Shipyards**

564. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether this Ministry is in favour of disinvestment of shipyards to make them more competitive;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry is looking for tie-ups with more experienced yards to achieve goals in ship building;

(c) whether his Ministry has been able to find more experienced shipyards and tied up with them in the areas of technical expertise, planning and manufacturing; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to implement these decisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) and (b) Government of India had decided to refer all "non Strategic" public sector undertakings including subsidiaries (excluding IOC, ONGC & GAIL) to the Disinvestment Commission for it to prioritize, examine and make recommendations to the Government. Out of the four public sector shipyards/units under the administrative control of Ministry of Shipping, the Disinvestment Commission has recommended disinvestment of Government equity in Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) and Central Inland Water Transport Corporation (CIWTC). The recommendations of Disinvestment Commission are at a very preliminary stage of discussions.

(c) and (d) Does not arise at this stage in view of the above.

**Disinvestment of CSL and HSL**

565. SHRI N.R. DASARI:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Disinvestment Commission has recommended a minimum 51 percent disinvestment of Cochin Shipyard